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USSR: The 1964 harvest, which may match the record crop of 1958, will ease the most immediate strain on the Soviet economy.

Although the Soviet population has increased by about 21 million since 1958, the present crop will obviate large-scale imports and facilitate the rebuilding of depleted stocks held in state reserves. Some purchases from Canada for delivery to the Soviet Far East may be arranged, however.

The grain harvest is expected to be about 120-125 million tons compared to an estimated 95 million tons harvested last year. The 1963 crisis necessitated the purchase of 12 million tons of grain from the West at a cost of \$800 million.

Khrushchev stated in July that grain reserves equal to one half or even the total annual requirement of the country would be built up. Twenty-five to fifty million tons would be needed to do this, which indicates that this is a goal for the future. A month later he said that 5 million tons of grain would be placed in reserves from the present harvest.

As of 1 October, procurement of grain by the state was at a record level and the official target, almost 20 percent above previous highs, may possibly be met.

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Niger: Communist-favored dissidents evidently are trying to overthrow conservative President Diori's shaky regime.

Since the first of the month there has been a rash of antigovernment activity. A government installation was attacked by a band of armed men, telephone lines have been sabotaged, and several men have been arrested on charges of involvement in clandestine import of arms via Dahomey. [REDACTED]

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Diori claims to have proof that exiled former premier Bakary is directing a well organized subversive network with Chinese Communist backing. He has told the US ambassador that he has captured seven infiltrators who were trained in Peiping and seized some East German and Czech arms that came from China.

Bakary, who has operated from several West African capitals since the French ousted him from the premiership in 1958, is probably behind these moves against the government. He has become increasingly radical, and has been in close touch with foreign Communists.

Nevertheless, it seems unlikely that Peiping would become directly involved in an armed attempt to unseat Diori. A Chinese good-will mission recently visited Niger as part of Peiping's effort to expand relations with the moderate West African states.

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West Germany - USSR: A West German Foreign Ministry official says that preparations for an Erhard-Khrushchev meeting are at a virtual standstill. He indicated that although the Chancellor had spoken of a January meeting, no specific date had thus far been discussed with the Soviets, and no further action had been taken on extending a formal invitation to Khrushchev.

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